

## HIV/AIDS Profile: Barbados

### Demographic Indicators

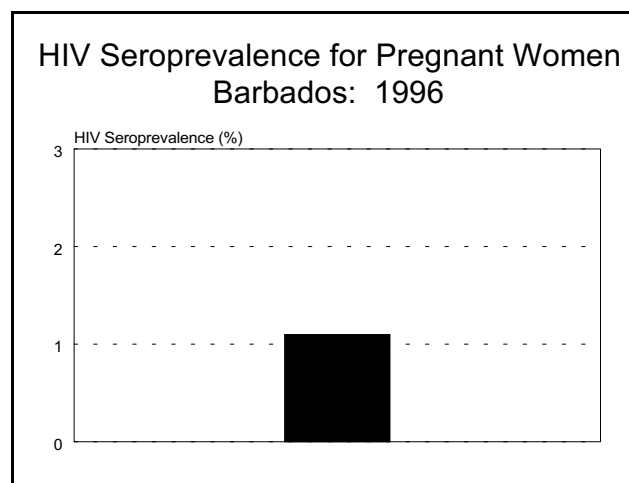
Population (1,000s)	274	Growth Rate (%)	.5
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)		Life Expectancy	
Both Sexes	12	Both Sexes	73
Male	14	Male	70
Female	11	Female	76
Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000)	14	Crude Death Rate (per 1,000)	9
Percent Urban	38	Total Fertility Rate	1.6
<b>Note:</b> Above indicators are for 2000.			
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Estimated % of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end 1999	1.2 %		
Cumulative AIDS rate (per 1,000) as of 12/31/97	3.23		
Cumulative AIDS cases as of 12/31/97	875		
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Reference Bureau, UNAIDS, World Health Organization.			

### Epidemiological Data

Epidemic State: Generalized

There is limited information about the HIV epidemic in Barbados. The most recent data, pertaining to pregnant women, showed a prevalence of just over 1 percent nationally in 1996. One study done in 1988 showed that already 5 percent of STD patients were infected.

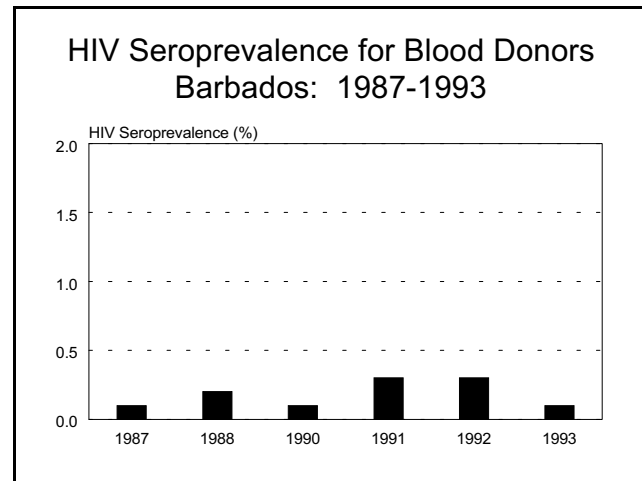
- Data obtained from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) indicated that 1 percent of pregnant women tested in Barbados were HIV positive in 1996.



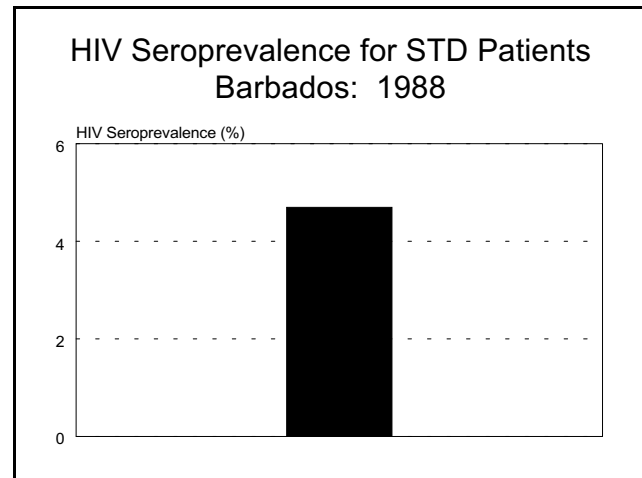
Source: International Programs Center, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base, June 2000.

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- Between 1987 and 1993, HIV infection in blood donors tested in Barbados was very low and varied little. The average level of infection was 0.2 percent during the time period.



- Very few studies of HIV infection among STD patients in Barbados have been published. However, a study conducted in 1988 reported that nearly 5 percent of STD clinic patients were HIV positive.



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